Setting up of N.I.Ts

† 1332. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would need about five lakh LT. graduates during the next five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Parliamentary Committee has suggested to set up seven N.I.Ts in the country for this purpose;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the names of the States, alongwith locations thereof, where these N.I.Ts would be set up and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Assessment of manpower requirement in Information Technology sector is a continuous process. Government of India alongwith Industry association like National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM) has been continuously looking at this sector's requirements from time to time. National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM)—Mckinsey Report 2005 has estimated an additional requirement of five lakh graduates beyond the projected supply over a period of five years from 2005 by the year 2010. It is seen that the issue of manpower requirement is not as much about the institutional seat availability and output as about the nature of skills and training provided in these institutions.

(b) to (d) 17 Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) located at Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu) & Warangal (Andhra Pradesh) were converted into National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in 2003. Bihar Engineering College—Patna, Government Engineering College—Raipur and Tripura Engineering College—Agartala were also upgraded/converted into National Institutes of Technology in 2004,2005 and 2006 respectively.

Prime Minister in his Independence Day Speech on 15th August, 2007 has announced new initiatives in the field of Technical Education. The 11th Five Year Plan document has not yet been finalized. The issue of opening new National Institutes of Technology in the country will be considered once the 11th Five Year Plan is approved.

Adolescence and Sex Education by CBSE

1333. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has brought Adolescence and Sex Education under the subject of Physical and Sex Education;

(b) if so, whether CBSE has brought out the material for the same or the teachers are being trained on the said subject; and

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